

Greater Wythe Area Planning Team Meeting
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
May 15, 2001

<p><i>Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 5, 2001</i> 7:00-9:00 p.m. Topic: Codes</p>
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STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT: Red Barnes, Mary Bentley, Judy Carey, Carl Gaborik, Patrick Goldschmidt, Frederick Mallory, Sandra McCann, Andre' McCloud, Marjorie Melvin, Lee Moore, Hazel Nazareth, Annemarie Stewart, Gwendolyn Taylor, and Clyde Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Sydney Mason, Terry O'Neill, and Bob Trahan

RESOURCE TEAM PRESENT: Shawn O'Keefe

GUESTS: Lucille Anderson, William Anderson, Alex Brockwell, Pat Brunson, Joyce Davis, Lee Davis, Jay Joseph, Ann Keffer, Wilbert Manley, Ramona Nazareth, Richard Nazareth, Gloria Pressley, Eunice Ricks, Anne Shuford, Joe Spencer, and Jaun Stroble

I. SENTARA PRESENTATION

Megan Perry and Carl Gaborik from Sentara Hampton General Hospital gave a presentation to some members of the Wythe community on the future of the current hospital building and the acreage surrounding it.

The Community Advisory Group was formed in November 2000. The 16-member group is in the process of considering several options while gathering input from the community about what they would like to see at the hospital campus.

II. POSSIBILITIES FOR THE SENTARA SITE

(items with strikethrough are options no longer under consideration)

- ❖ Senior Services
- ~~Retail~~
- ❖ Residential
- ~~Office Building~~
- ~~Offsite Storage~~
- ~~Public Park/Athletic Fields~~
- ~~Youth Community Center~~
- ❖ Public Education
- ❖ Private Education (Hampton University)
- ~~Health Related~~
- ~~Mixed Communities~~
- ~~Governmental Agency (Mixed)~~

III. DISCUSSION

- ❖ Hampton University is interested in the whole facility & campus. The Health Department would like to work with whoever moves in.
- ❖ If the Public Education option were chosen for the Sentara site, part of the building would be torn down while the newer half of the building would be renovated. It would house a Magnet Middle School and Parks & Recreation could run programs from that site.
- ❖ The new facility will accommodate more patients than if there were two separate facilities. However, Sentara will not receive the amount of beds or operating rooms they requested because the State did not approve their request.
- ❖ Concerns were raised about the sale of the building, who would own the building and that there would be no emergency care in the Wythe area. Megan assured the group that the goal is not to make money on the sale of the building, only to support their new location. They will have some control over what happens with the building and the campus through the contract. A suggestion was made to explore the possibility of a “doc in the box” for the Wythe area. Carl commented that the “doc in the box” trend is becoming less popular and physicians are starting to offer extended hours for patients. The Health Department also has two physicians on staff that see patients (they accept Medicare).
- ❖ The group suggested a recreation center and a teen center, as other possible uses of the Sentara campus.
- ❖ The new hospital will open in November 2002.

IV. DOTTING EXERCISE

The group was asked to place dots on the following options they felt would be best for the Sentara site:

- ❖ Senior Services
- ❖ Residential
- ❖ Public Education
- ❖ Private Education
- ❖ Recreation Center
- ❖ Teen Center
- ❖ “Doc in the box” (committee will investigate this option)

Staff is reviewing the results of the dotting exercise.